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And Strikethroughs

In the fifth step or the sixth step, in order to bond the base material sheet 6 and the filament bundling body 31 to each other to a sufficient degree, it is also suitable, in addition to the heating and pressurization of the whole by the heater roll, to further heat and pressurize a predetermined portion alone by means of a hot cutter.

For example, as shown in Fig. 6, the filament bundling body 31 formed by bundling together a large number of filaments by fusion at the substantially central portion in the fiber direction, is crushed thin in the vicinity of the bundling portion 40. Thus, when stacking the filament bundling body 31 together with the base material sheet 6, the bundling portion 40 of the filament bundling body 31 is not in close contact with the lower surface of the base material sheet 6, generating a gap 52 at this position (Fig. 11).

~~When, in~~ In applying a hot melt type adhesive between the filament bundling body 31 and the base material sheet 6 in order to bond them to each other, when the adhesive is applied in an amount larger than usual, both components are reliably bonded together, providing a predetermined adhesion strength. When, however, the application amount

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of adhesive remains a usual amount, the above-mentioned gap 52 is not sufficiently filled with adhesive, and there is a fear of the adhesion strength where the filament bundling body 31 is bonded to the base material sheet 6 at the bundling portion 40 being rather insufficient. In the latter case, it is desirable to press,